

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15, 17-19, 21-22 and 24-25 remain in the present application. Claims 4, 7, 14, 16, 20 and 23 are withdrawn herein in response to the restriction requirement. Claims 8, 17 and 24 are amended herein. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added as a result of these claim amendments. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the amendments and arguments set forth below.

Election Without Traverse Between Species 1A, 1B, 2A And 2B

In the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006 for the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner stated that the present Application contains two distinct species, where each species contains two sub-species. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elect without traverse Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, 13, 15, 17-19, 21-22 and 24-25, drawn to Species 2B, for prosecution on the merits. As such, Claims 4, 7, 14, 16, 20 and 23, which are drawn to non-elected species, are herein withdrawn from consideration.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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